

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on January 11, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire April 11, 2005. A one-month extension, extending the period of response to May 11, 2005, is submitted in a petition filed herewith.

Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 112, and Claims 1-7, 15 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 103. Claims 8-14, 16-18 and 20 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but are otherwise indicated as being allowable. Claims 5 and 6 are allowed.

In the current paper, rejected Claims 1-4, 7, 15 and 19 are canceled, thus obviating the rejections under 35 USC 103 directed to these claims, and Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

Claims 8 and 11-14 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled base Claim 7, thus placing Claims 8-14 in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled base Claim 15, thus placing Claims 16-18 in condition for allowance.

Finally, Claim 20 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled base Claim 19, thus placing Claim 20 in condition for allowance.

No new matter is entered.

CONCLUSION

Claims 5, 6, 8-14, 16-18 and 20 are pending in the present Application. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5902 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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